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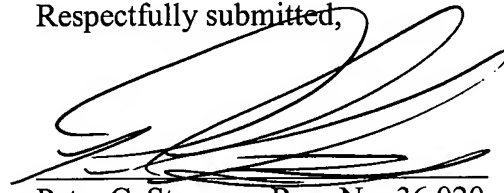
A copy of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. A concise explanation of the relevance of DE 891 065 is incorporated into the introductory part of the description of the priority application DE 203 18 638.9. A Search Report of priority German Application No. DE 203 18 638.9 dated March 15, 2004 with copies of the documents cited therein: DE 232 027; DE 197 10 702; FR 27 92 506; FR 27 06 743 and US 2 200 895. An International Search Report of the PCT-Application PCT/EP2004/013537 dated February 15, 2005 is enclosed together with the cited documents FR 27 92 506; FR 28 21 249; DE 28 33 875; FR 27 06 743 and US 6,339 867 and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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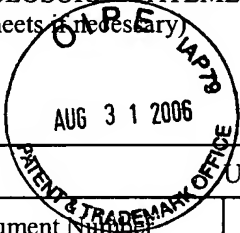
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